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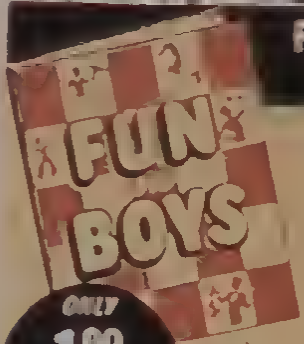

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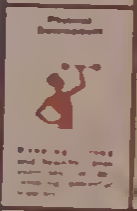

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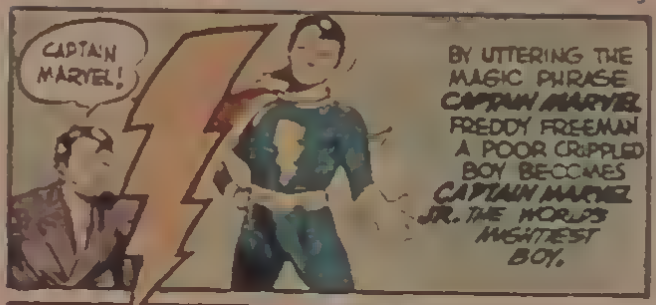
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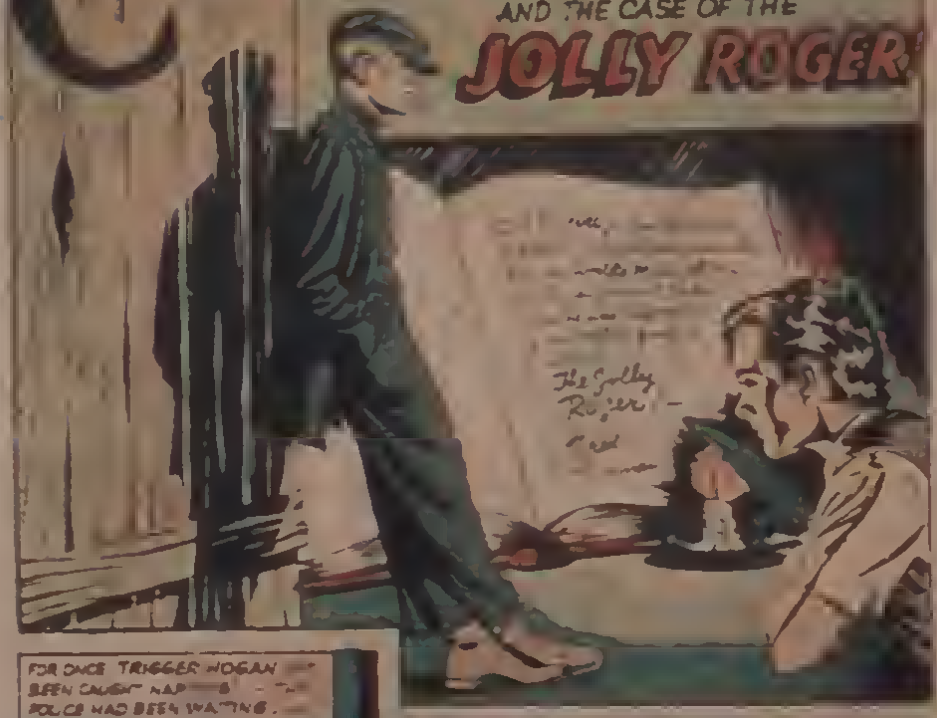
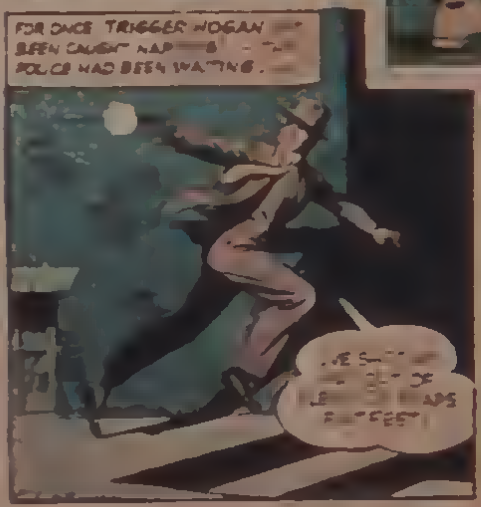
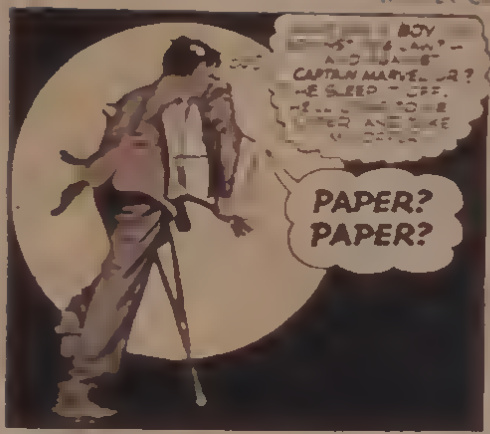
AND THE CASE OF THE JOLLY ROGER





ONCE I GET OVER THIS FENCE, I CAN SHAKE 'EM FOR GOOD!
OU
BY HALF OVER TRIGGER WITH BLS AND SECONDS TO THE GROUND
THAT'S A FOR TRIGGER HE'S HE'S SAY SOMETHING
POP
SO MY DAN
CRIME NEVER DID PAY DID IT DA--
NO DON' DIE DA NO- SOB
GONNA-
CAREER

I'LL KILL YOU ALL YOU MURDERING FLATFOOTS - ILL - ILL . .
G MAN BEAT IT BRAT! YOUR FATHER'S GONE AN WE GOT NOTHING AGAINST YOU - SCRAM!
GO STRAIGHT? NEVER! I'LL GET REVENGE FOR THIS DAD I'LL MAKE EVERY COP IN TOWN SUFFER FOR THIS!
THE PIERCING EYES OF CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. HAVE SEEN THIS SAD ENDING TO THE TRAGEDY OF CRIME'S FINAL RECKONING...
THAT POOR KID THIS CALLS FOR FREDDY FREEMAN!
CAPTAIN MARVEL!
BOOM!
A CRASH OF THUNDER AND LIGHTNING SIGNALS THE TRANSFORMATION OF MIGHTY CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. TO... LAME FREDDY FREEMAN!
I'M FREDDY FREEMAN A NEWSBOY I'M AN ORPHAN - LIKE YOU ARE NOW. HOW ABOUT HELPING ME AT MY NEWS-STAND? I NEED AN ASSISTANT!
GO WAY YOU! I GOT MORE JOB TO DO! I GOT NO TIME FOR THAT
THOSE COPS'LL BE SORRY FOR THAT STUNT THEY PULLED!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PAPER?
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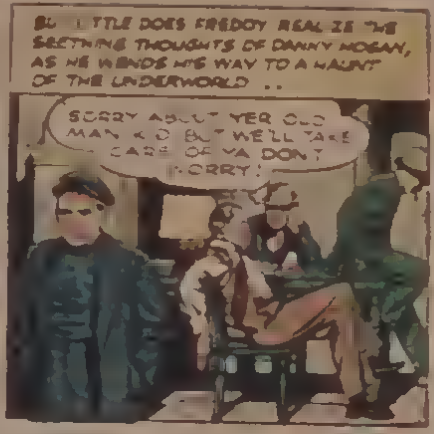
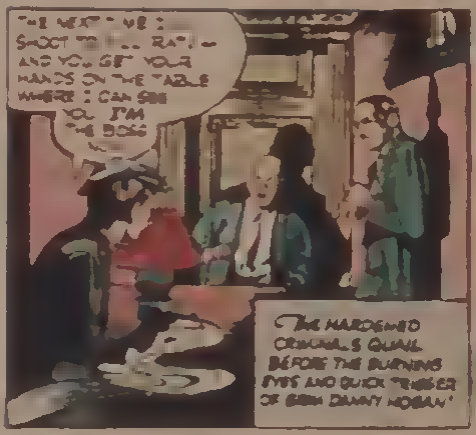

BUT LITTLE DOES FREDDY REALIZE THE SEETHING THOUGHTS OF DANNY MORGAN, AS HE WENDS HIS WAY TO A HAUNT OF THE UNDERWORLD ..
SORRY ABOUT YER OLD MAN KID BUT WE'LL TAKE CARE OF YA DON'T WORRY!

HERE'S YOUR SAXOPHONE DANNY YER DAD ALWAYS SAID YA GOTTA KEEP UP YER LESSONS AND BE A MUSICIAN SOMEDAY
MUSICIAN?..!

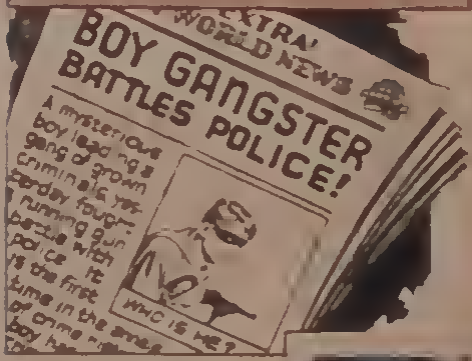
A GUN!
HEY! MY ROD WHAT'RE YA YA LITTLE PUNK?

OVER THAT'S ALL YOU WERE MY DAD'S GANG YOU'RE MY GANG! -SEE?
YA MONKEY
OWWW!


THE NEXT MOVE: SHOOT THE... RAT! — AND YOU GET YOUR HANDS ON THE TABLE WHERE I CAN SEE YOU! I'M THE BOSS
THE HARDENED CRIMINALS QUAIL BEFORE THE BURNING EYES AND QUICK TRIGGER OF BRIM DANNY HOGAN!

LATER IN HIS ROOM...
IN THIS COSTUME I CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. CAN HAVE A RANDY BOY CAN'T GET CLOSE TO PUBLIC ENEMIES SUCH AS SONG TO PLAY THE REAL THING!!!

AND SOON, AMAZING HEADLINES HIT THE PAPERS!...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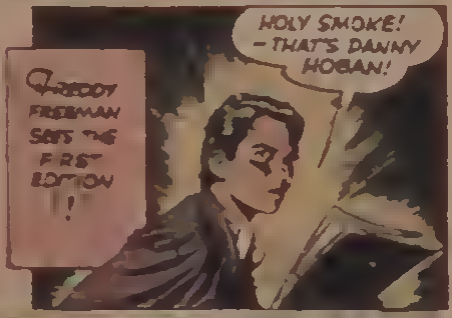
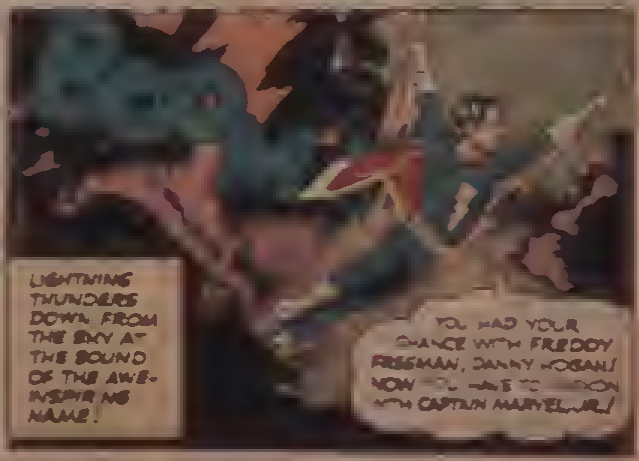
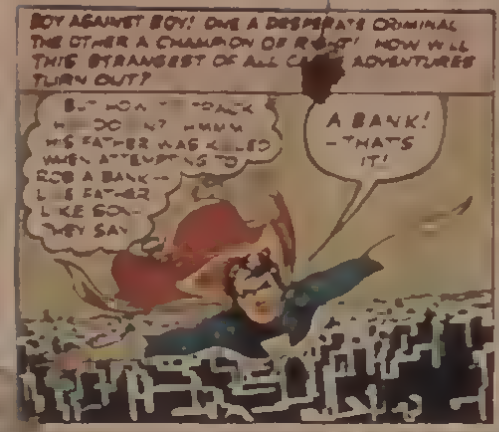
BOY GANGSTER BATTLES POLICE!
A mysterious boy leading a gang of grown criminals yesterday fought a running gun battle with police in the first flame in the annals of crime
WHO IS HE?




LIGHTNING THUNDERS DOWN FROM THE SKY AT THE SOUND OF THE AWE-INSPIRING NAME!
YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE WITH FREDDY FREEMAN, DANNY HOGAN! NOW YOU HAVE TO REckON WITH CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.!


BOY AGAINST BOY! ONE A DESPERATE CRIMINAL THE OTHER A CHAMPION OF RIGHT! HOW WILL THIS STRANGEST OF ALL CAPTAIN MARVEL ADVENTURES TURN OUT?
BUT HOW CAN CAPTAIN MARVEL DO IT? HMMM HIS FATHER WAS KILLED WHEN ATTEMPTING TO ROB A BANK—LIKE FATHER LIKE SON—THEY SAY
A BANK! —THAT'S IT!

...A SHREWD GUESS, FOR AT THAT MOMENT, THE GANGSTER BOY LEADS HIS GANG TO THE SELF-SAME BANK...
DAD LEFT ONE THING UNFINISHED—ROBBING THIS BANK SO I'LL DO—

WHEN I GET THROUGH THE COPS WILL HAVE A GOOD REASON TO REMEMBER THE JOLLY ROGER
BOSS—LOOK! A COP ON GUARD

I'LL HANDLE THIS BLUE-SUITED MONKEY. —I HATE COPS

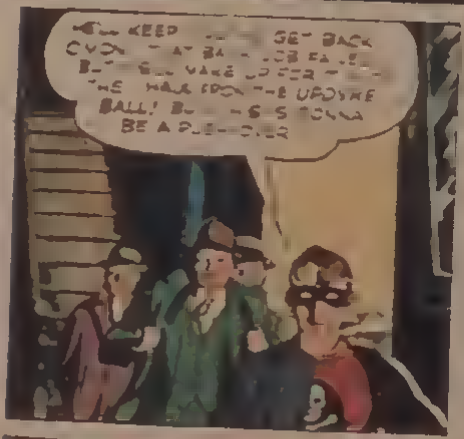
TAKE THAT YA FLATFOOT!
BUT BOSS WHY DOESN'T HE FALL?

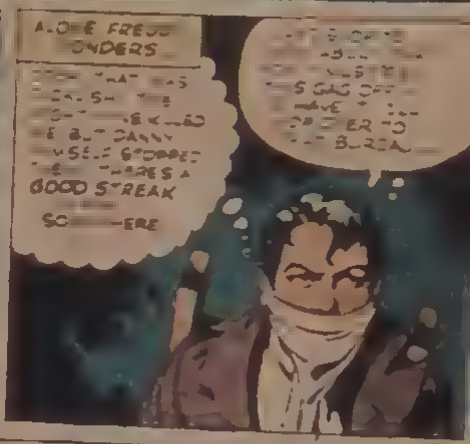
OH HELLO DO YOU SAY SOMETHING?
YIPES!—CAPTAIN MARVEL, JR!

BOY!
CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.
ULP!
YOU
S-OOE
BANG

IN BLIND RAGE THE GANGSTER BOY ATTACKS!
OWWW!
CRACK!
OWWW! — MY HAND!
BUT
I'M GOING TO MAKE ONE MORE APPEAL TO YOUR REASON..
CAPTAIN MARVEL!
BOOM!
HE WAS HANGING AROUND DANNY'S STILL NEED AN ASSISTANT TO SE... PAPERS — WHAT DO YOU SAY?
BUT FREDDY IS UNAWARE THAT BEHIND HIM THE GANGSTERS HAVE COME TO THEIR FEET AND...
GO PEDDLE YOUR PAPERS — THAT'S WHAT I SAY!
GET HIM, BOSS!
FREDDY IS TAKEN ALONG AS SQUAD CARS ARRIVE — TOO LATE TO STOP THE GANG'S GETAWAY!

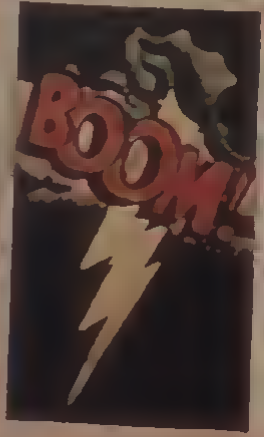
AT THE HIDE-OUT OF THE "JOLLY ROGER"
I TELL YA BOSS... WE GOTTA PULL DA BRAT! HE KNOWS TOO MUCH! HE KNOWS NEVER REALLY WAS DANNY LOGAN!


WE'LL KEEP [illegible] SET BACK OVER [illegible] AT BAT [illegible] JOB EASY. BUT [illegible] WAKE UP OVER [illegible] THE HALL FROM THE UPSTAIRS BALL! BUT [illegible] GONNA BE A PUSH-OVER


ALONE FREUD ONDERS
[illegible] THAT [illegible] CAUSH [illegible] SHOT [illegible] KILLED [illegible] BUT DANNY [illegible] HIMSELF STORRED [illegible] THERE'S A GOOD STREAK [illegible] SOMEWHERE
[illegible] GAG OFF [illegible] HAVE [illegible] ORDER TO [illegible] BURGA

[illegible] ANOTHER [illegible] OR SO — AND [illegible] PUT THE GAG [illegible] ON THE KNOB [illegible]

[illegible] CAN SAVE [illegible]
CAPTAIN MARVEL!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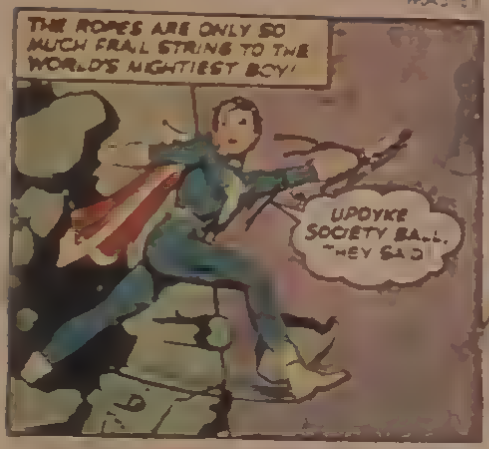
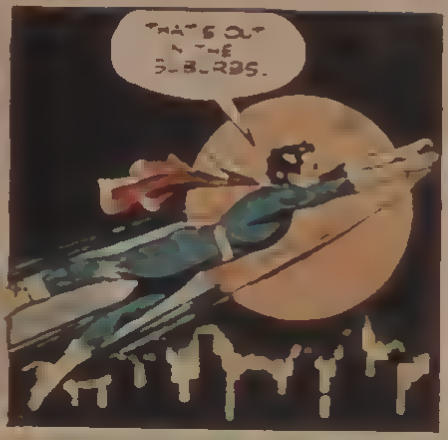
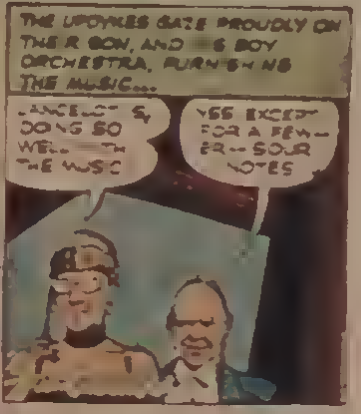
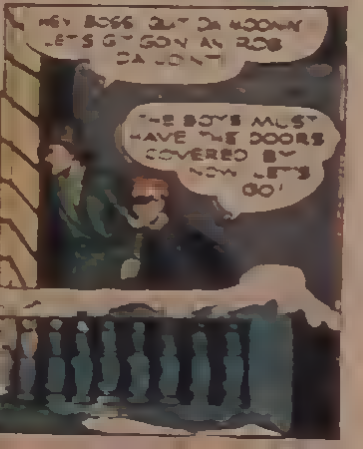
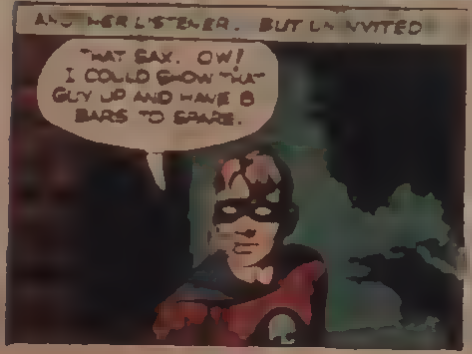

THE ROPES ARE ONLY SO MUCH FRAIL STRING TO THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST BOY!
UPOYKE SOCIETY BALL, THEY SAID


THAT'S OUT IN THE SUBURBS.

COLORFUL AND GAY IS THE BALL AT THE UPOYKE ESTATE...


THE UPOYKES GAZE PROUDLY ON THEIR SON, AND HIS BOY ORCHESTRA, PURVEYING THE MUSIC...
LANCELOT IS DOING SO WELL WITH THE MUSIC
YES EXCEPT FOR A FEW--ER--SOUR NOTES


HEY BOSS OUT DA WOONIN LET'S GIT GON AN ROB DA JOINT
THE BOYS MUST HAVE THE DOORS COVERED BY NOW LET'S GO!


ANOTHER LISTENER. BUT UNINVITED
THAT SAX. OW! I COULD SHOW THAT GUY UP AND HAVE 8 BARS TO SPARE.

A HOLD-UP! HA-HA
—S—E JOLLY ROGER.
RIGHT REAS—RE FOLKS—AND G—E
BUT A HURT—NG BLUE FORM AGAIN INTERRUPTS.
CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. —GULP!
CRASH! BONG
GETS

OUT ON THE GROUNDS, WHERE THE BOY GANGSTER HAS FLED —
GET ME
SPANKING!
SOB!
SOB!
"JOLLY ROGER"
SO FAR —
A JOB???
PAPER! PAPER? BOY GANGSTER VANISHES! POLICE GIVE UP FRUITLESS SEARCH.
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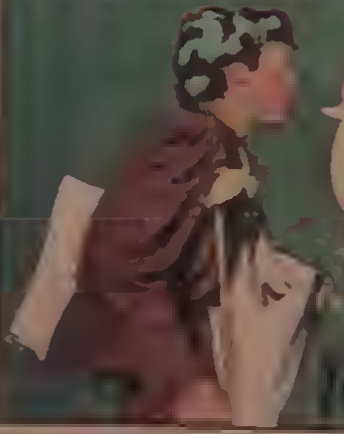

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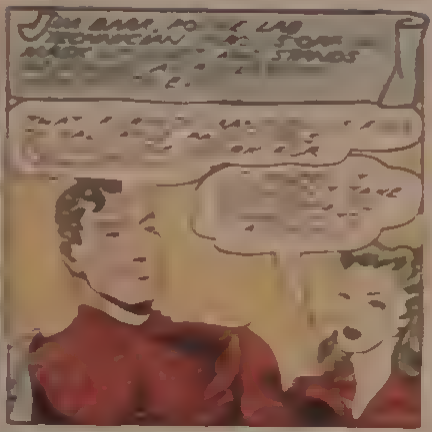
BULLETMAN AND BULLETGIRL — FEARLESS FIGHTERS OF THE EVIL AND NEFARIOUS — SWOOP TO THE ATTACK ON AN [illegible] MORE TERRIFYING THAN ANY THEY'VE EVER [illegible] LET LOOSE OUT OF THE SEEMING QUIET OF A BOOK FILLED LIBRARY, COMES A [illegible] KILLER WHO'LL MAKE YOUR BLOOD RUN COLD! HIS NAME — PROFESSOR D.!

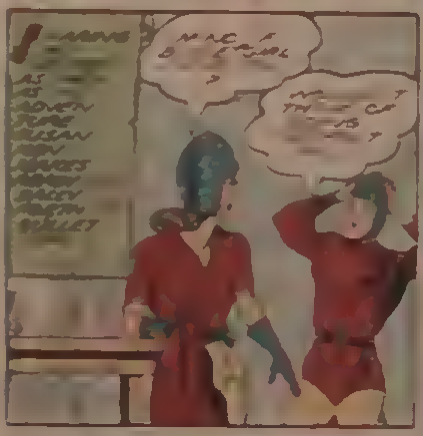
[illegible] OLD [illegible]

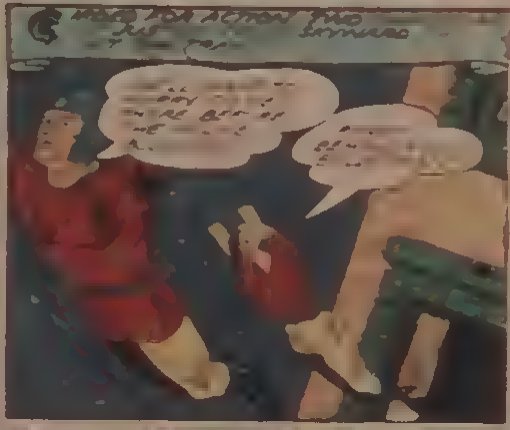
AT [illegible] JOY OF [illegible] SECRETS AND TREMENDOUS CONCENTRATION OF NERVOUS AND MUSCULAR ENERGY. I HAVE GAINED GREAT POWERS CALL STRENGTH [illegible] LITTLE BODY OF MINE

AND HERE ARE THE PLANS OF ALL THE OLD MANSIONS IN THE CITY! I KNOW ALL THEIR SECRET ENTRANCES AND CORRIDORS!

[illegible] JEWELS AND MONEYBAGS SHALL BE MINE — BUT I NEED HELP TO EXECUTE MY SCHEMES — ONCE I HAVE THAT HELP PROFESSOR D WILL STRIKE







THEY SHANT GET ME!
LOOK JIM -- THERE GOES ONE OF THEM!
JAMES
YOURE COMMAND LITTLE MAN - BETTER GO UP
OUT TO HURT ... LESS THAN WE ARE
TSK TSK! PEOPLE ARE SO EASILY DRIVEN BY ADVANTAGES --
GR-RUMP!
A LITTLE SQUEEZE -- EACH ADDRESS OF
WHAT THE -- BULLETMAN AND BULLETGIRL AND THE COPPERS HAVE GOT TWO MORE!
FAREWELL CONSTABULARY! WE SHALL MEET AGAIN!
WE GOT AMMY MOST - HIS OWN GOT ANY IDEA WHY HE'S DEAD
WE CALLED HIM PEOPLE OR D.! WELL, MAYBE YOU'LL HAVE BETTER LUCK WITH HIM NEXT TIME SO. LONG

SECRET ENTRANCES AND SUCH AND NOT AFTER THEIR VALUABLES!! WELL WHY NOT TRAP HIM
WHY NOT PUT A NOTICE IN THE PAPER SAYING THAT THE MASTER PLANES ARE ON VIEW TO THE PUBLIC AT CARLSTON HOUSE --
AND SET A TRAP FOR PROFESSOR C ! RIGHT -- A FINE-- IDEA!
THE DAY AFTER
WORLD TIME
BUT WE WILL BE WAIT FOR HIM
THAT BULLFINCH AND GIRL
THE TA... ALL RE... LIEUTENA...
GOO... I'LL LOO... HIM...
HIDDEN ABOVE BENEATH THE BEAMS OF THE ANCIENT ROOF --
IT'S AFTER MIDNIGHT BULLFINCH HAS STILL --
SECRET PASSAGE IS REVEALED -- AND A BODY MANS ACHES THROUGH

ARGO !
SLAM

BUT UNFORTUNATELY WE ALWAYS BEEN A LEAGUE TO STEAL CARS !
WHAT THE --
YOU ACUSE SEEN TO LIKE THEM TO YOU MAY KEEP THEM ALL ON ME MEN !
ABOVE EAGLE EYES TO WATCH AND ON -
THAT'S MY CUE LETS
GREAT ! MY LEGS HERE GETTING CRAMPED -- I CRAVE ACTION
A FLYING FLEA SET TO DEAL DESTRUCTION !
BELIEVE THAT BITE DOES !
SHOOTING AT A LADY ! WHERE'S YOUR MANNERS ?
BUT PROFESSOR WHAT ABOUT THE CURE OF --
FORGET ABOUT THE JEWS ... LET

THE POLICE RECOVER, AND
THERE HE GOES
[illegible] AND [illegible]
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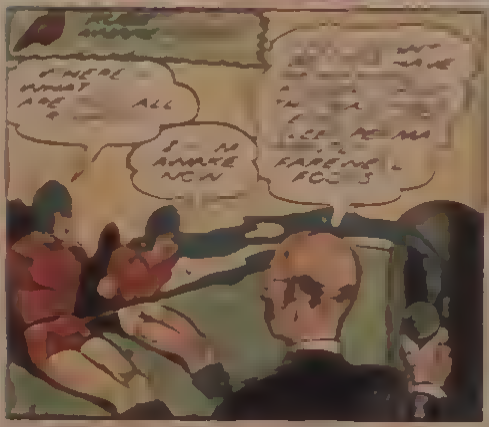
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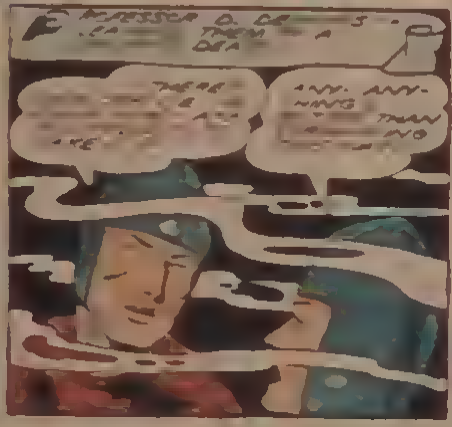
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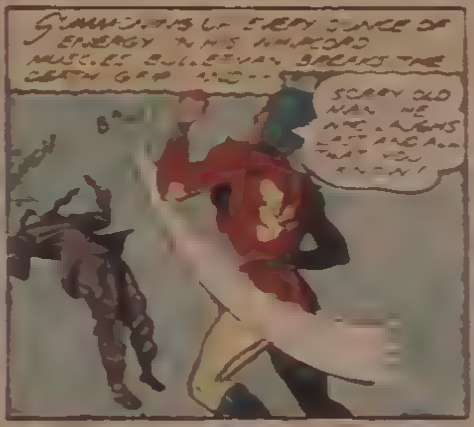

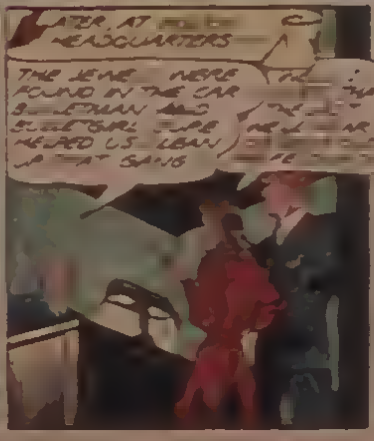

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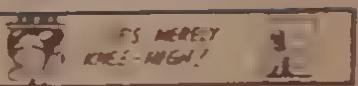
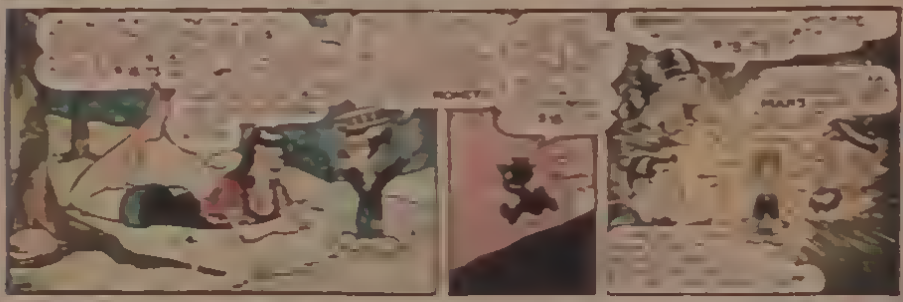
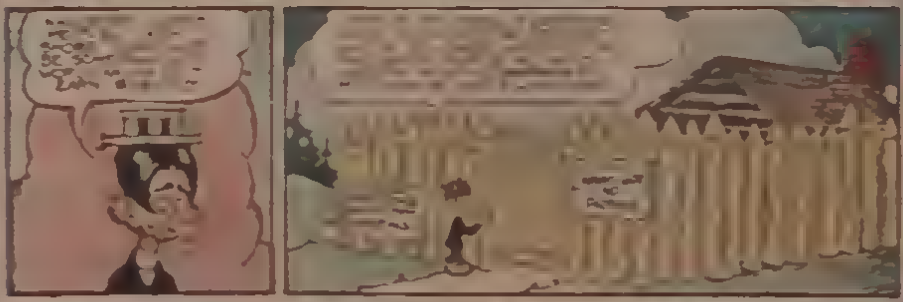
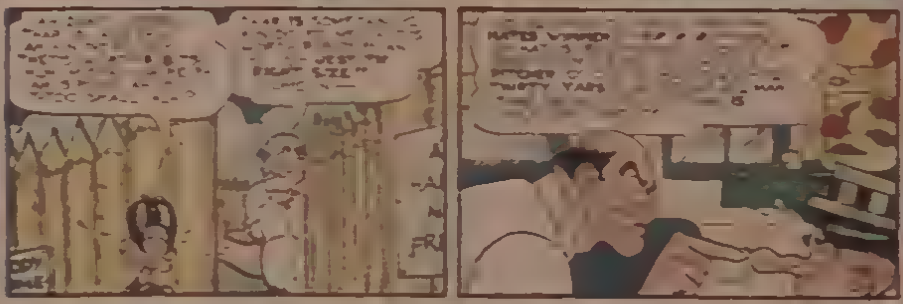
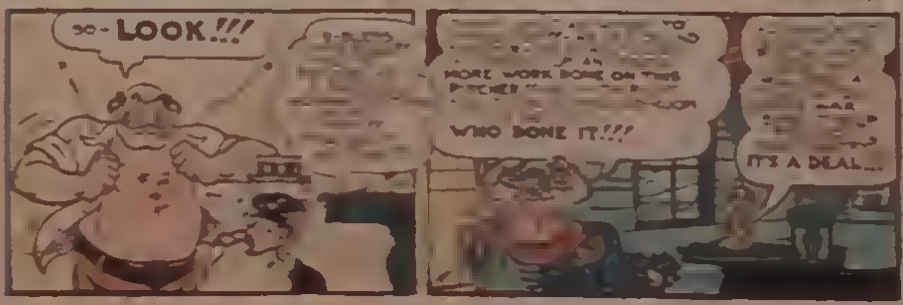




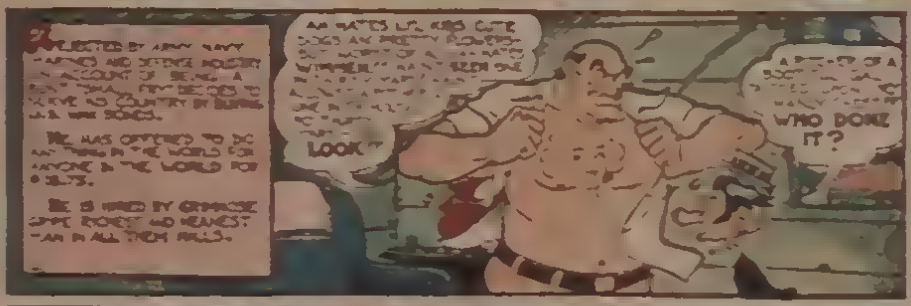


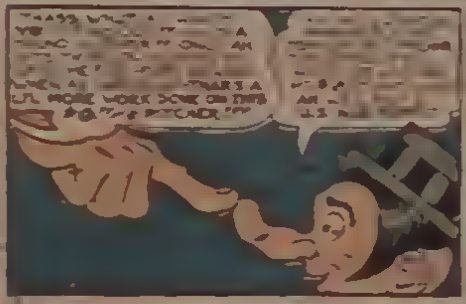


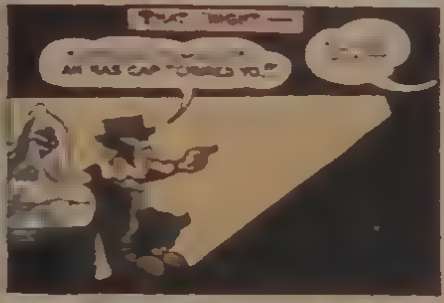


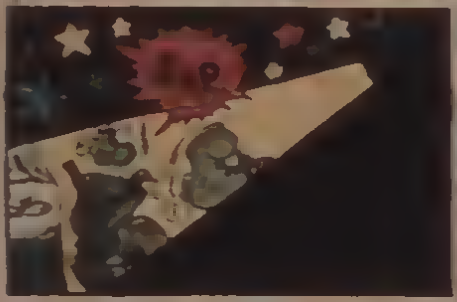
SMALL CHANGE

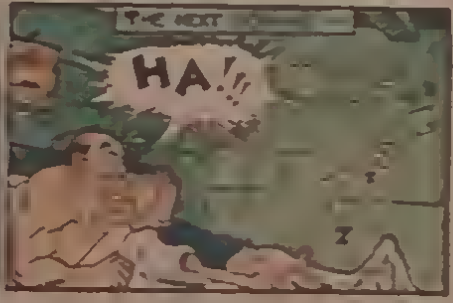
...HE'S MERELY KNEE-HIGH!

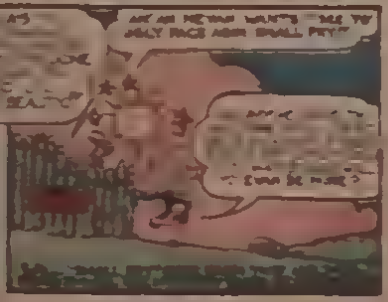












MINUTE MAN
THIS IS SCARFACE
MASTER NAZI SPY
AGENT
GENCE
THIS S "HE
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IN MINUTE MAN'S
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HOW DOES
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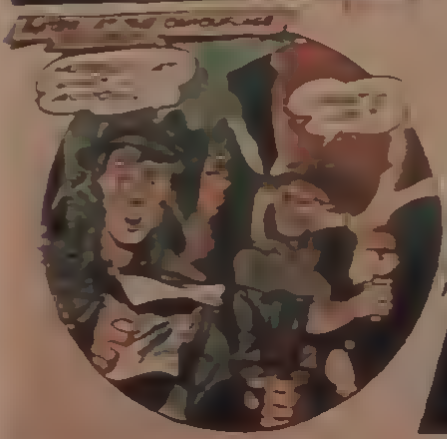
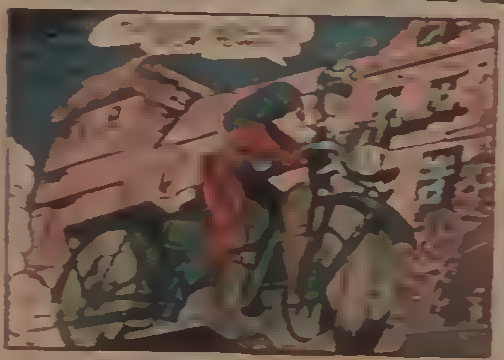
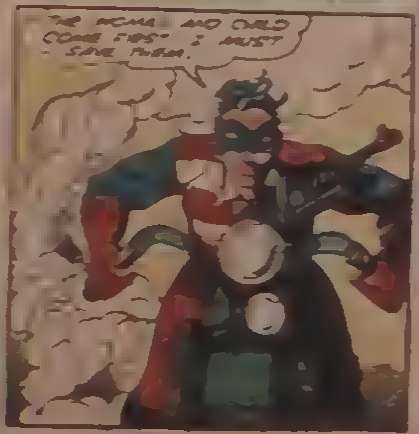
OUCH



I'VE GOT TO STOP
AS THAT
MOTORCYCLE
COMES TO
A DEAD
END



A DEAD END
HOW I'VE GOT
THEM.

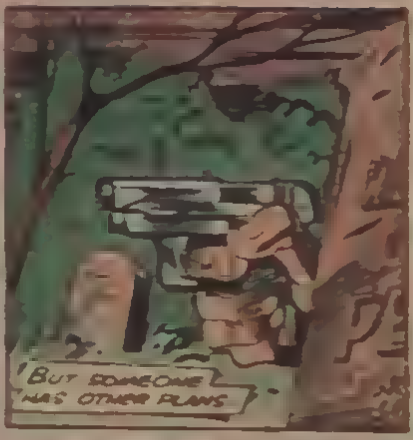

THE WOMAN AND CHILD
COME THIS WAY. I MUST
SAVE THEM.

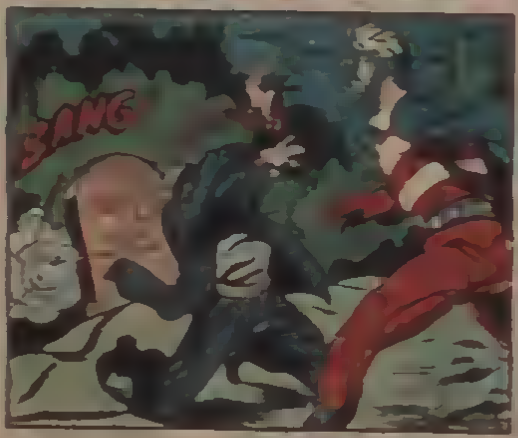
MADE IT!
FASTER, BLONDY, FASTER!
WE MADE IT THAT MINUTE MAN WILL NEVER CATCH US!

DUBLIN
LOCKER
17

DO YOU HAVE A HOME TOWN?
A NICE ONE? MAYBE?
HEIL HITLER!
HEIL NOTHING! THE GAME'S OVER
SCATTER ME

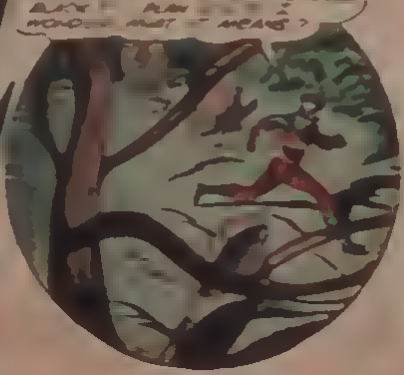
...ME ON GET UP
...TALK!


BUT SOMEONE HAS OTHER PLANS


BANG

...CAUGHT
SPIDER MAN
WHAT'S PLAN U VP?
HUNTON... BLACK ...OOOm

BANG!
HE'S DEAD! OH OH ...TELL ME.


...MEANS?

A SHORT WHILE LATER...
I KNOW I'VE GOT BLACK AND PAINTINGS OF COURSE BACK AT THE HOUSE BUT NO PAINTINGS
MINUTE MAN
I KNOW
I'M MINUTE MAN?
HEY, THE
THE SEARCH IS BEGINNING
IT'S LIGHTS

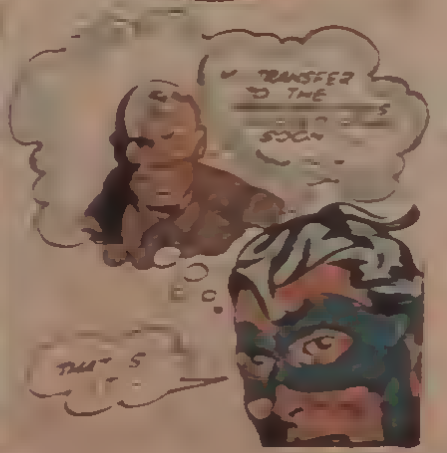
THE LITTLE MAN!

SO THE PILOT & THE DOCTOR HAD A HOUSE ABOUT THE CHILDISH LITTLE MAN! THEY'RE A FINE PAIR! I'LL MAKE ONE DUMB MARKED

RETURN AT THAT WARNING

BACK AT THE AIRPORT.

TROOPERS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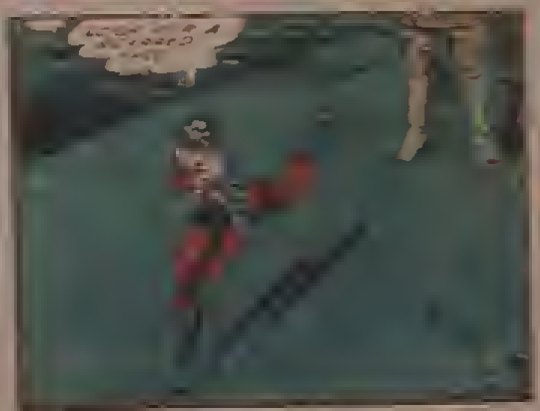
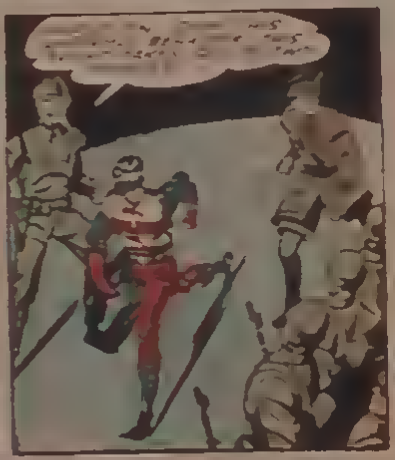
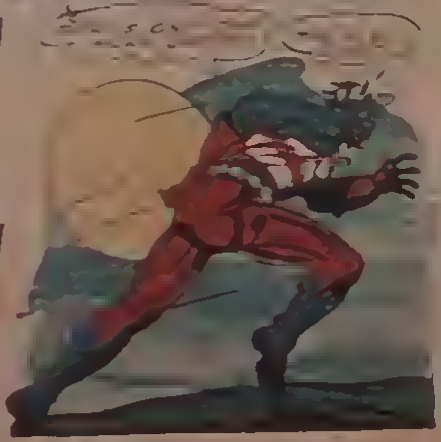
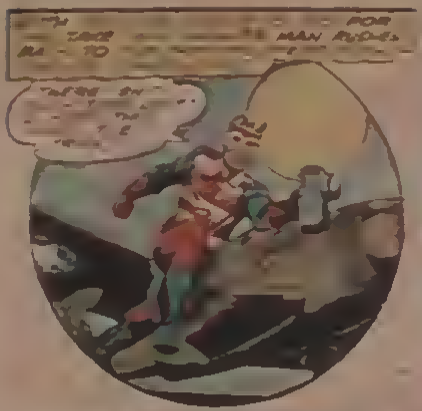




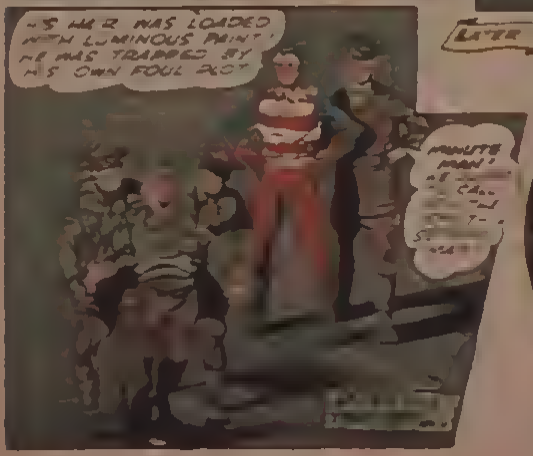
HE MUST BE WRONG. THERE IS NO SHADOW MAN HERE




MAN RUSHES

SECONDS TO GO

MINUTE MAN FLAMES THE


GUN WAS LOADED
WITH LUMINOUS PAINT.
HE WAS TRAPPED BY
HIS OWN FOUL PLOT
MINUTE MAN!

LATER
MEN RIFLES, ARE SMOKING!!

HOODOO
HANNIGAN
by
JOSEPH J.
MILLARD

Trapped in a U. S. submarine being depth-bombed by Jap destroyers, it looks like the finish of Hoodoo Hgoo and his brave compatriots—sole survivors of the Little Feet egg circus blitzed out by the Japs that 'fete' December 7th

Chapter VII

Beneath The

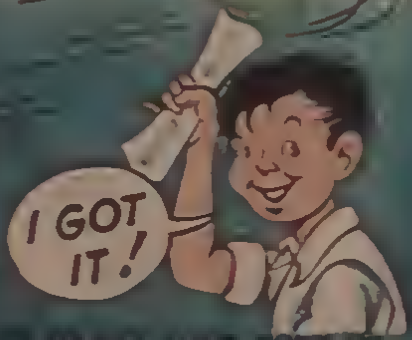
THE DARKNESS of the silence was a [illegible]. Somewhere [illegible] the [illegible] and the [illegible] like a [illegible]. Then [illegible] the [illegible] spasmodic [illegible] terrifying [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The express train [illegible] was a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the speed [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] warning [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

IT'S OUT

GET IT NOW!

IT'S HERE!



YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE RICH TO BUY THESE GREAT

FUNNY ANIMALS

JUST RUN TO YOUR FAVORITE NEWSSTAND NOW!

BALBO
THE BOY MAGICIAN
BALBO - EN ROUTE TO BRADDOCK HEIGHTS HIS MAGIC SHOW IS TO PLAY NEXT FINDS AN UNWANTED PASSENGER RIDES THE TRAIN. THE PASSENGER IS DEATH!! IT STRIKES ONCE! THEN IT'S BOY ENGERS PEACH FOR BALBO
AS TRAIN NEARS BALBO'S DESTINATION - HIS FELLOW PASSENGERS
IT'S QUITE A SMALL REALLY PETER! HEY, PRESTO!
AND HE CALLS THAT SIMPLE!
AND TELLING ABOUT YOUR SELF BALBO
PFFT

OH—THERE'S NOT MUCH TO TELL MY FATHER VALDIN WAS THE WORLD'S GREATEST MAGICIAN AFTER HIS DEATH I TOOK OVER THE SHOW IN ORDER TO SUPPORT FRANK MY KID BROTHER OUR NEXT STOP IS BEARDLY

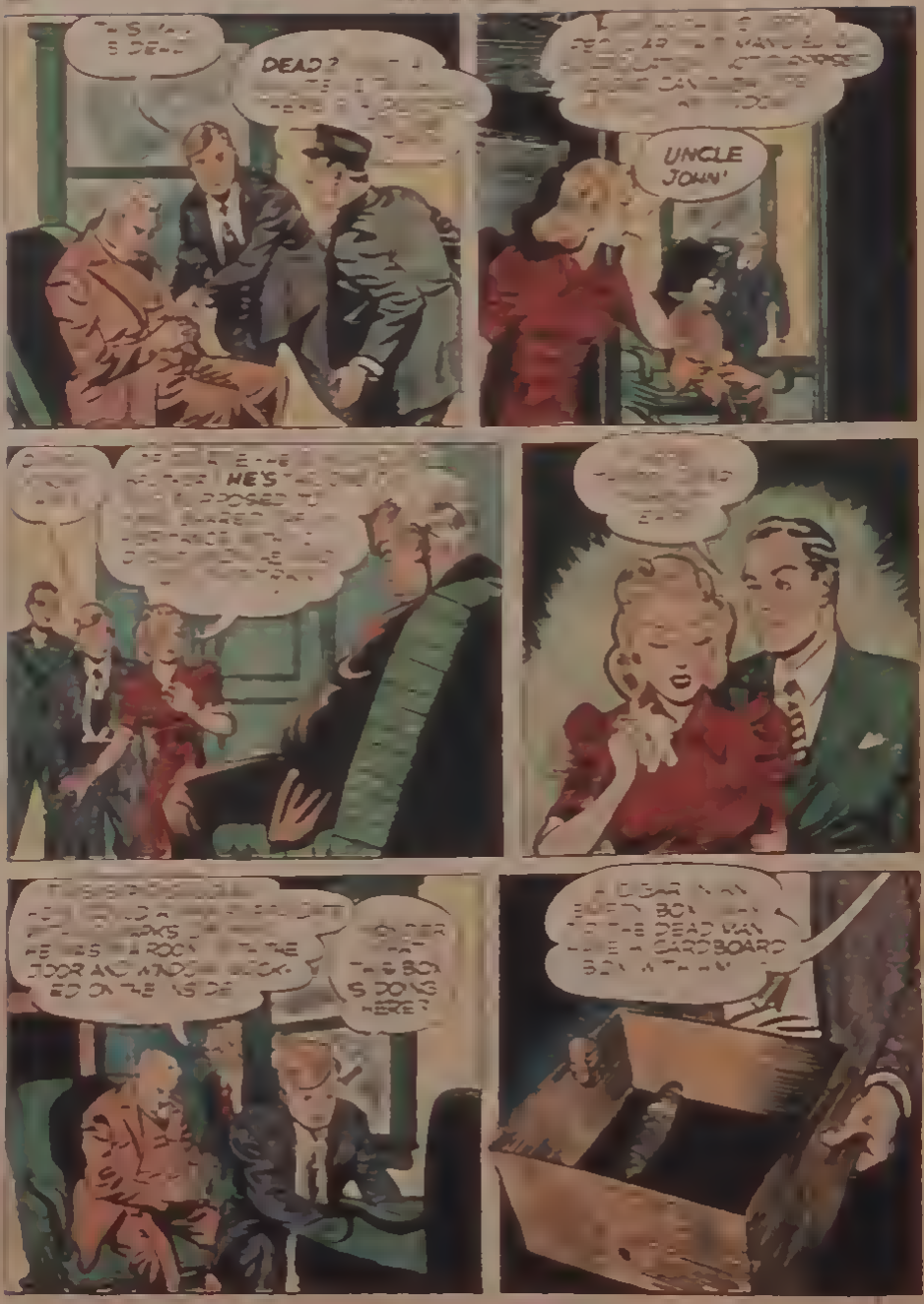
I'M JANE ROGERS AND THIS IS BILL BOWN. WE'LL BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR SHOW HERE SOME TO BEARDLY TOO. MY UNCLE JUST DIED THERE AND LEFT SOME MONEY TO HIS BROTHER AND ME!
WE'RE GOING TO BE MARRIED SOON AND AND THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO TELL ABOUT US.

GLAD TO MEET YOU GUESS I BETTER GO UP TO THE BAGGAGE CAR AND SEE HOW MY DOG "DUKE" IS

SORRY BOWN. YOU CAN ONLY GO INTO THE LAST TWO CARS OF THE TRAIN THE REST ARE TAKEN OVER BY UNCLE SAM
OH— SO THAT'S WHY THE TRAIN IS SO EMPTY!

AS BALBO RETURNS TO HIS CAR HE HEARS
WHAT'S UP CONDUCTOR?
I HAVE TO SEE THIS MAN'S TICKET I SAW HIM GO INTO THIS COMPARTMENT BUT HE DOESN'T ANSWER. THE DOOR'S LOCKED ON THE INSIDE

SO, BALBO PICKS THE LOCK FOR THE CONDUCTOR AND
PARDON ME, SIR IS ANYTHING WRONG? HEY-MISTER!


DEAD?
UNCLE JOHN!
HE'S
EH?
WHAT'S THE BOY DOING HERE?

OH-OH LOOK-HE'S GAD TELL-ADAR
VERY SIMPLE
WHAT IS THE SECRET OF THE
SURE RIGHT-I THINK THAT WAS VULCO-FIED A MAN JUST CANT EVAPORATE
AN KNEW DERE
WAS STOLEN?
BACK AND TALK THIS O
FRANK AND JOE
SHADOWED FRANK AND JOE
HE'S GONE IN HERE

WE'RE GOING 60 MILES AN HOUR YOU SHOULD MAKE A NICE SPLASH
LET GO OF THAT RAIL
I'LL GET YOU OFF
AHA YOU LITTLE
ALONE, UNARMED ON TOP OF A SPEEDING TRAIN GOING 60 MILES AN HOUR · BALBO FACES A KILLER
THAT'S THE END OF THE LITTLE MEDDLER
CRACK

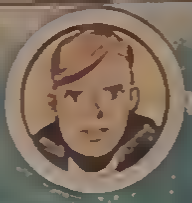
WHAT--!
I KNOW WHO THE KILLER IS HE TRIED TO KILL ME BECAUSE I KNOW HOW HE KILLED JAMES UNCLE. LISTEN JOHN, GO BACK AND
BILBO EXPLAINS HIS PLAN TO FIND THE KILLER..

HOCUS POCUS!!
AND BEHOLD
NO! NO! YOU'RE DEAD! I KILLED YOU

BILL WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
IT MEANS THAT BILL BONY KILLED POOR UNCLE THE KILLER HAD TO BE SOMEONE IN THESE TWO LAST CARS THERE ARE ONLY SOLDIERS UP AHEAD!
YOU KNOW THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO HAVE KILLED UNCLE SINCE I WAS IN THE CAR AND WINDOWS LOCKED ON THE INSIDE
THAT PROVES NOTHING I FOUND THAT YOU STOLE SOME DRY-ICE FROM THE KITCHEN!
YOU PUT THE CARDBOARD BOX, FULL OF DRY-ICE IN THE COMPARTMENT WHEN DRY-ICE MELTS - IT GIVES OFF CARBON DIOXIDE CO2 ABSORBS OXYGEN LIFE IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT OXYGEN - SO JANE'S UNCLE SUFFOCATED YOU DROPPED AN "ULTRA" CIGAR IN THE BOX WITHOUT KNOWING -!
JOHN, WHAT KIND OF CIGAR DID BILL GIVE YOU FOR THE TRICK?
AN "ULTRA"!!
JUST HOLD IT LIKE THAT
YOU FIGURED IT OUT BUT I'M GETTING AWAY ANYHOW. THE TRAIN SLOWS UP IN A MINUTE. SO JUST TAKE IT EASY.
WHY DID YOU DO IT, BILL?
SO YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO DIVVY THE ESTATE WITH YOUR UNCLE. THEN WHEN I MARRIED YOU - IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ALL MINE! HERE'S WHERE I GET OFF. BALBO THIS TIME YOU'RE GONNA DIE!

THERE'S NO CHANCE OF AID FOR BALBO ...
I'M GONNA SHOOT YOU IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!
SUDDENLY- B.L. ...NGHES
DO YOU DO IT BY MAGIC BALBO?
I DON'T DO A THING! I GRAB THE AIR BRAKE CORD!
SWISH
NOW LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENED ... MURDER DOES PAY EVEN
THE VAN-BAG PICK UP GRABBED HIS BODY AS WE WENT PAST!
AND I GRABBED THE BRAKE CORD! A DEAD MAN ... HIDDEN ... A ... HIS SI ... ER OF THE DEAD MAN IS BACK THERE SOME O' YO SOLDIERS BETTER GRAB HIM BE CAREFUL ... HE'S ARMED!
BUT BALBO ... DID YOU SUSPECT DRAKE?
THE CIGAR THAT ... ED IN ... ANDS, IT WAS STILL COLD FROM BEING FROZEN. GEE, I'M GLAD TO GET THIS CORPSE WAKE UP OFF!
AND I'LL BE GLAD TO REACH BEARDLY AND GET TO WORK AGAIN. MURDERS ARE GETTING TO BE OUR BUSINESS INSTEAD OF MAGIC
END

BALBO'S OWN MAGIC PAGE



SPIRIT FORCE

THE SPOOKY, ELECTRICAL FEELING THAT JOHN SMITH A[illegible] A[illegible]RITE TRICK OF BALBO'S [illegible]D[illegible]E A[illegible] NEED[illegible]S A [illegible] AND A SHORT [illegible]O[illegible]R PLAC[illegible] [illegible]E F [illegible] WAX W[illegible] MBE[illegible] N[illegible]S WA[illegible] YOUR A[illegible]S [illegible]E

THEY [illegible]T BE [illegible] Y[illegible]R HA[illegible] WITH THEIR FACE[illegible] [illegible]E S[illegible]E[illegible]A THE HAIR

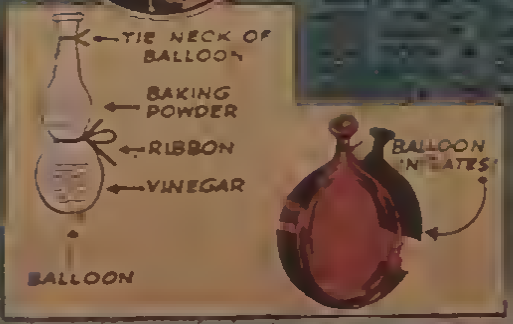
[illegible]T S A WEIRD FEER[illegible] SE[illegible]SAT OVE[illegible] IT. J[illegible]ST [illegible]T PERSON [illegible]F[illegible] [illegible]N[illegible] TO [illegible] PERS[illegible]. Y[illegible] BE [illegible]NSH[illegible] PEOPL[illegible] A[illegible]E BY [illegible]S L[illegible]T LE RICK!

THE PHANTOM BALLOON

AFTER THE CASE OF THE MURDER BY DRY ICE AND CARBON DIOXIDE AS TOLD IN THIS ISSUE, BALBO WONDERED IF CARBON DIOXIDE COULDN'T BE USED IN A TRICK HE FIGURED ONE OUT AND HERE IT IS:

BALBO SHOWS A DEFLATED BALLOON AND DROPS IT IN SOMEONE'S POCKET. THEN HE PICKS UP ANOTHER BALLOON AND BLOWS IT UP. HE SHOWS IT AND THEN STICKS A PIN IN IT. "WOULD YOU BELIEVE," HE ASKS, "THAT ALL THE AIR RUSHED OUT AND FILLED THE EMPTY BALLOON IN 'SOANDSO'S' POCKET?" SURE ENOUGH - THE EM[illegible] BA[illegible]LOO[illegible] S NOW F[illegible]

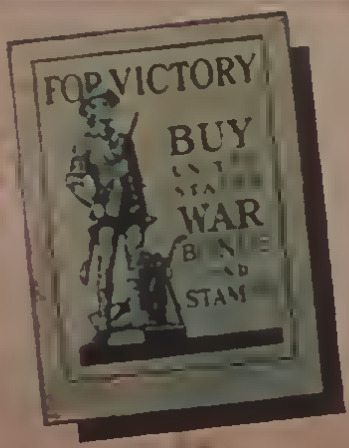
THIS TRICK WILL REAL[illegible] FOOL YOUR [illegible]ED TWO PENNY B[illegible] L[illegible] [illegible]M BAK[illegible] WH[illegible] [illegible]R [illegible]EGAR AN[illegible] SODA [illegible]D GI[illegible]E [illegible]D [illegible] [illegible]W[illegible] [illegible]A



[illegible]OOK [illegible]U[illegible] [illegible]URE [illegible]E A[illegible] TO TRY THIS NEW TRICK OF BALBO'S!

THE STARS OF THE COMICS CAN BANG THE AXIS...
CAPT. MARVEL
MARVEL JR.
SPY SMASHER
MARY MARVEL
CAPT. MIDNIGHT
BULLETMAN

AND SO CAN YOU!
LET'S STAMP OUT THE AXIS! BUY ALL THE WAR STAMPS AND BONDS YOU CAN!


FOR VICTORY
BUY
WAR

HOPALONG CASSIDY

SOMEWHERE BETWEEN TWIN RIVER AND PUMA CITY A FREIGHT CAR LOADED WITH RAW GOLD AND ARMED GUARDS SIMPLY VANISHED INTO THIN AIR!! BUT IT WAS NOT THE INCREDIBLE MYSTERY THAT SENT SHERIFF HOPALONG CASSIDY STORMING DOWN THE GUNSMOKE TRAIL!! IT WAS THE BITTER FACT THAT ONE OF THOSE MISSING GUARDS WAS MESQUITE JENKINS, HIS DEPUTY AND BEST FRIEND!!!
THERE'S THE LAST OF THE GOLD MESQUITE! TIME TO ROLL!
YEP HOPPY! I'LL SHORE FEEL RICH SETTIN ON ALL THE DINERO ALL THE WAY TO PUMA CITY!
WATCH YOURSELF! THAT BOYLE GANG WOULD LIKE TO GET THEIR HOOKS ON ALL THAT GOLD!!
DON'T WORRY HOPPY! I GOT ME FIVE OF THE BEST SHARP-SHOOTERS IN TWIN RIVER COUNTY TO DISCOURAGE GENTS LIKE BOYLE!

SEE YUH TOMORROW HOPPY!
I'M RIDING UP TO THE RIDGE WHERE I CAN WATCH YOU ALL THE WAY INTO THUNDER PASS!
WELL THERE THEY GO INTO THUNDER PASS AND NO SIGNS OF TROUBLE. MAYBE I'M AN OLD GRANNY—
BUT I CAN'T SHAKE OFF THE FEELING OF DANGER!! THAT BOYLE GANG WOULD TRY ANYTHING TO GRAB THAT GOLD!
I'LL TAKE THE SHORT-CUT AND WATCH THE TRAIN COME OUT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PASS. THEN I'LL KNOW IT'S ALL RIGHT!
HERE IT COMES, RIGHT ON SCHEDULE! GUESS MY WORRYING WAS JUST WASTED EFFORT. MIGHT AS WELL GO HOME AND—
SEE-OW!" THE GOLD CAR'S GONE!

STOP THE TRAIN!
IT'S SHERIFF CASSIDY— SOMETHIN'S WRONG!
WHERE'S THE GOLD CAR AND THE GUARDS
MY SAWRSH!! IT'S—IT'S GONE!!!
IT MUSTA COME UNCOUPLED BACK IN THE PASS! WE DIDN'T HEAR A THING—
I'LL RIDE BACK ALONG THE TRACKS YOU BACK UP THE TRAIN AND BE READY TO HOOK ON AGAIN WHEN WE FIND IT!
IT—IT AIN'T HERE, ANYWHERE!!
IT'S GOT TO BE— FREIGHT CARS LOADED WITH GOLD AND MEN DON'T JUST FLY AWAY LIKE A BIRD!!
I ALLUS SAID THERE WAS GHOSTS IN THIS HERE PASS. NOW I'M SURE— COULDN'T BE NUTHIN' ELSE—
RUN YOUR TRAIN ON INTO PUMA CITY. I'LL STAY HERE AND LOOK AROUND!
IF ANYTHING'S HAPPENED TO MESQUITE, I GUARANTEE THERE'LL BE SOME GHOSTS IN THUNDER PASS!!

AN LATER
THERE'S ONLY ONE POSSIBLE WAY THAT CAR COULD HAVE DISAPPEARED! BUT HOW CAN I— WAIT!!
CORPSE CANYON! THAT MUST BE THE ANSWER! IT'S GOT TO BE!!
CORPSE CANYON RUNS ALMOST TO THUNDER PASS, BUT THE ONLY WAY IN IS OVER THE CLIFF!
IF MY GUESS IS RIGHT—
IT IS!! THE BOYLE GANG!! THEY TUNNELED THROUGH FROM CORPSE CANYON TO THE PASS JUST LIKE I FIGURED!

NOW WHAT? THEY'RE OUT OF PISTOL RANGE AND I DIDN'T BRING MY RIFLE — BUT I'VE GOT TO GET MESQUITE AND THOSE GUARDS OUT!
THIS IS MY ONLY CHANCE — TO GET DOWN WITHOUT BEING SEEN THEN MAYBE I CAN SURPRISE THEM —
HALF-WAY DOWN — SO FAR, SO GOOD —
DEFEATED BY A POORLY-ROOTED TREE..
WHOA —!
WHAT THE —?? A SNOOPER!! PLUG HIM QUICK!!

IT'S CASSIDY THE SHERIFF— SHOOT HIM!
WOW! BOTH MY GUNS JARRED OUT—
SO I'LL HAVE TO DEPEND ON HEAD-WORK—
UGH!
YA-A-A, HOPPY— I KNEW YOU'D COME!
AND FIST-WORK!!
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED A CHANCE TO PLUG YOU, CASSIDY!
YOU'LL NEVER HAVE A BETTER CHANCE—
BUT YOU MUFFED YOUR BIG CHANCE, BOYLE!
BANG!
ARGH-GH—H!

GREAT [illegible] HOOBY! BUT HOW'D YUH FIND US IN THIS HOLE?
I GUESSED THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE A RAILROAD CAR VANISH WOULD BE TO SIDETRACK IT INTO A BLIND CANYON—AND THIS WAS IT!
THEY DRIVED THE TUNNEL THROUGH AND FASTENED SHEETS OF ROCK TO THE DOORS TO HIDE IT.
AND FIXED A SPUR TRACK THEY COULD SWITCH ON TO THE MAIN LINE AND THEN TEAR UP IN A HURRY!!
IT HAPPENED SO FAST! THE COUPLING ON THE CAR WAS LOOSE— AND WHEN WE HIT THE [illegible] MADE IT PULL BACK AND SWITCH INTO THE CANYON AFORE WE COULD [illegible] FER OUR GUNS!
IT JUST GOES TO SHOW THAT THE BEST LAID CROOK-SCHEME IN THE COUNTRY CAN BE WRECKED BY FATE
YOU MAY CALL IT FATE IF YOU WANT TO HOOBY—
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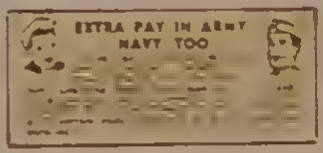

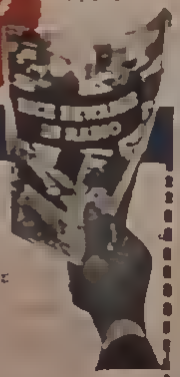

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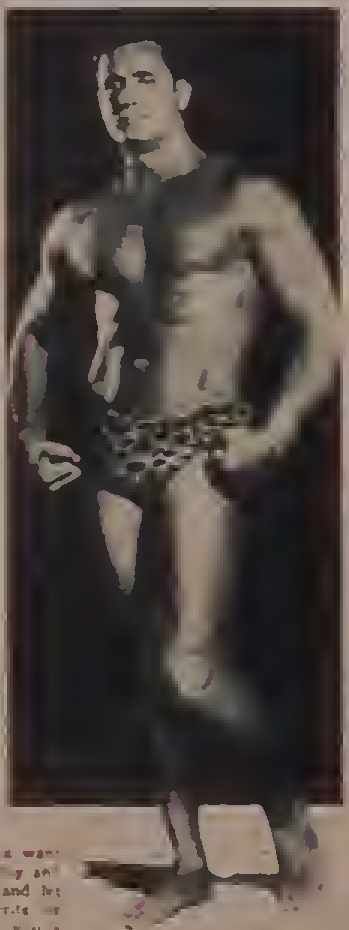

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